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THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The amount of security is fixed by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board with reference to the status and other qualifications of the individual concerned. In this case the executive officer of the temple was a member of the bar before his appointment in the temple.

" (*b*) The income was Rs. 7,186–5–11."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know what are the other qualifications of the individual concerned that were taken into account in fixing the amount of security?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" Apparently from what the board has done, it looks it is only the question of respectability of the man concerned—his general status in society. In this case, the executive officer has been a member of the bar and it has been taken for granted that he is a very respectable man."

SRI RAO BAHADUR N. R. SAMIAPPA MUDALIYAR:—" May I know whether the Government have considered the question whether the income of the temple warrants the retention of an executive officer on a salary of Rs. 100 per mensem?"

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" That is a matter entirely left to the discretion of the board."

Scheme for enlisting medical practitioners for rural medical relief.

* 131 *Q.*—MR. J. A. SALDANHA: Will the Hon. the Minister for Public Health be pleased—

(*a*) to place before the House the new Government scheme for enlisting qualified medical practitioners for rural medical relief with a summary of objections raised to it and to state;

(*b*) whether the Government propose to obtain the sense of both the Houses of the Legislature before passing final orders thereon;

(*c*) if so, when; and

(*d*) if not, what orders have Government passed?

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN:—" (*a*) The hon. Member is apparently referring to Memorandum [a] No. 34730-1 D-2, P.H., dated 30th September 1938, issued by Government (copy placed on the table of the Madras Legislative Council). No scheme has yet been evolved by Government in the matter. Replies of most of the presidents of district boards are still due.

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"(b) & (c) Government do not consider it necessary to place the matter before the Houses of the Legislature.

" (d) The question does not arise."

MR. J. A. SALDANHA :—" May I know what time will it take to pass final orders? "

THE HON. DR. T. S. S. RAJAN :—" It is not a question of passing orders at all. It is a question of calling for information, and when once Government are in full possession of the information, Government may decide afterwards to do what all that may be necessary in the matter. It does not necessarily mean that all enquiries should always be followed by a Government Order."

Failure of monsoon in South Arcot and proposal, if any, to grant suitable land revenue remission.

* 132 Q.—SRI R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: " Will the Hon. the Minister for Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) whether a major portion of the district of South Arcot has been much affected by the failure of the seasonal monsoon and distress prevails in consequence thereof;

(b) whether any detailed report has been called for from the Collector of South Arcot touching the distress;

(c) whether any instruction has been issued by the Government or the Board of Revenue for the inspection of the fields on a larger scale in villages affected by the distress with a view to grant remissions in a suitable manner;

(d) whether instructions have been or intended to be given not to insist on applications by pattadars to grant remissions; and

(e) whether, in view of the failure of the monsoon, there is any proposal to postpone payment of kist by a few months?

THE HON. SRI T. PRAKASAM.:—" (a) The Government understand that seasonal conditions in the district are not satisfactory and that want of rain is keenly felt throughout the district.

" (b) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (c) & (d) No such instructions have been issued by the Government. Board's Standing Order No. 14-1 provides for field inspection as soon as the unfavourable character of the season has declared itself.

" (e) No such proposal is under the consideration of the Government. Postponement of kist within the fasli does not require the sanction of Government."